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Dear Benjamin Grumbles:

On behalf of the water customers and citizens of Portland, Oregon, I want to thank you and your staff for the time and resources you have offered our City as we work through issues related to the pending Long Term 2 Water Treatment Rule. As the new head of the Portland Bureau of Water Works I want to introduce myself and let you know that I intend to continue the working relationship my colleague Mayor Potter has done so well to establish with your agency.

Having followed the issue for a number of years and being familiar with the process of developing the LT2 rule, I am very confident in the proposal submitted to your agency earlier this year seeking alternative, non-treatment, compliance provisions in the rule for unfiltered systems. I feel that the two-prong proposal the City has put forward works well within the rule framework established by EPA and offers your agency a good degree of latitude and flexibility to ensure compliance with LT2 but still allow pristine water systems like Portland to avoid costly and unnecessary additional water treatment.

On behalf of the City, I respectfully request some indication from you as to the suitability of our proposed provisions for alternative compliance. While we understand the rule is in its final stages, we feel it appropriate and reasonable to request early indication, prior to the rule's promulgation, as to your intent to honor our request. While we hope to resolve this issue through some mutually agreeable solution, the City is under pressure from ratepayer and constituent groups to avoid constructing a treatment plant at all costs including pursuing litigation options.

My hope is that the City and EPA can reach agreement on an LT2 alternative compliance strategy soon. I am available anytime to discuss this further with you. On behalf of my constituents, thank you again for your efforts and commitment to water quality.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Randy Leonard